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INDIA S ASSOCIATION WITH GALILEO PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India has been associated with the Galileo programme, a joint initiative of European Commission and European Space Agency;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the said project;and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) & (b) Yes,Sir.India has shown interest to be associated with Galileo programme and have signed an MoU to this effect.

(c) & (d) A sum of Rs.300 crores in Budget Estimates 2005-06 and Rs.340 crores in Budget Estimates 2006-07 was allocated for the said project. However, the funds could not be utilised as the Galileo programme itself,including the implementation time frame, was not finalised and the role of Indian participation in the Galileo programme was not defined.